

while learning real life skills. Mr. President, I congratulate the Girl Scouts as they celebrate their 87th anniversary. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this important Resolution.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appear in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 48) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 48), with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 48

Whereas March 12, 1999, is the 87th anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America;

Whereas on March 16, 1950, the Girl Scouts became the first national organization for girls to be granted a Federal charter by Congress;

Whereas through annual reports required to be submitted to Congress by its charter, the Girl Scouts regularly informs Congress of its progress and program initiatives;

Whereas the Girl Scouts is dedicated to inspiring girls and young women with the highest ideals of character, conduct, and service to others so that they may become model citizens in their communities;

Whereas the Girl Scouts offers girls aged 5 through 17 a variety of opportunities to develop strong values and life skills and provides a wide range of activities to meet girls' interests and needs;

Whereas the Girl Scouts has a membership of nearly 3,000,000 girls and over 850,000 adult volunteers, and is one of the preeminent organizations in the United States committed to girls growing strong in mind, body, and spirit; and

Whereas by fostering in girls and young women the qualities on which the strength of the United States depends, the Girl Scouts, for 87 years, has significantly contributed to the advancement of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning March 7, 1999, as "National Girl Scout Week"; and

(2) requests the President to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning March 7, 1999, as "National Girl Scout Week" and calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

NATIONAL READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 56 introduced earlier today by Senators COVERDELL and TORRICELLI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 56) recognizing March 2nd, 1999, as the "National Read Across America Day," and encouraging every child,

parent and teacher to read throughout the year.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. ALLARD. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 56) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 56), with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 56

Whereas reading is a fundamental part of life and every American should be given the chance to experience the many joys it can bring;

Whereas National Read Across America Day calls for every child in every American community to celebrate and extoll the virtue of reading on the birthday of America's favorite Doctor—Dr. Seuss;

Whereas National Read Across America Day is designed to show every American child that reading can be fun, and encourages parents, relatives and entire communities to read to our nation's children;

Whereas National Read Across America Day calls on every American to take time out of their busy day to pick-up a favorite book and read to a young boy or girl, a class or a group of students;

Whereas reading is a catalyst for our children's future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and our nation's ability to compete in the global economy;

Whereas the distinguished Chairman Jim Jeffords and Ranking Member Ted Kennedy of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in reading through their participation in the Everybody Wins! program;

Whereas Chairman Jim Jeffords has been recognized for his leadership in reading by Parenting Magazine;

Whereas prominent sports figures such as National Read Across America Day Honorary Chairman Cal Ripken of the Baltimore Orioles baseball team, Sandy Alomar of the Cleveland Indians, and members of the Atlanta Falcons football team have dedicated substantial time, energy and resources to encourage young people to experience the joy and fun of reading;

Whereas the 105th Congress made an historic commitment to reading through the passage of the Reading Excellence Act which focused on traditionally successful phonics instruction, tutorial assistance grants for at-risk kids, and literacy assistance for parents: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes March 2, 1999 as National Read Across America Day; and

(2) expresses its wishes that very child in every American city and town has the ability and desire to read throughout the year, and receives the parental and adult encouragement to succeed and achieve academic excellence.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1999

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3. I further ask that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then proceed to the time for debate on the motion to proceed to S. 280.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the Senate, then, will convene tomorrow at 9:30 and resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the education flexibility partnership bill. There will have been a total of 4 hours for debate on the motion tomorrow morning, and following adoption of the motion, we will begin consideration of the bill itself. Amendments to the bill are expected to be offered and debated throughout Wednesday's session and for the remainder of the week. Therefore, Senators should expect rollcall votes throughout the day on Wednesday and Thursday and possibly Friday in an effort to make substantial progress on this important piece of legislation. After I have a chance to consult with the Democratic leader, we will give further information about the schedule on Friday and on Monday of next week. I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:34 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 2, 1999:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

LAWRENCE J. DELANEY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE ARTHUR L. MONEY.

INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

LAWRENCE HARRINGTON, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNITED STATES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, VICE L. RONALD SCHEMAN, RESIGNED.

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASSES INDICATED: CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER:

WARREN J. CHILD, OF MARYLAND

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR: